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The Pen & Press

Thursday * 9 May 2019 * 6:30pm – 9pm

Yuri Kvichko, Attorney

**Intellectual Properties, Trademarks, Copyright, etc.,
for Pubs & Authors**

Friends, Family, non-members welcome ~ FREE MEETING FOR ALL

Denny's (in the Private back room)

3520 Auburn Blvd, Sacramento (Auburn Blvd @ Watt Av & I-80)

No-host food &/or beverage

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS You might want to bring a light sweater to Denny's.

2019 GUEST SPEAKERS 2nd Thursday each month 6:30pm-9pm

13 Jun * Bob Primm, Atty * Legal Guide to Book Publishing

11 Jul * NO SPEAKER ~ General Chit Chat about Anthology, plus all-things Publishing, writing and more

8 Aug * Pending Speaker info

12 Sep * Pending Speaker info

10 Oct * Pending Speaker info

14 Nov * Pending Speaker info

12 Dec * **No SPEAKER** * **ANNUAL BOOK DISPLAY** * **Bring your books to sell, barter, share or whatever**

RSVP needed for each Wednesday norcalpa.org ~ Same Denny's ~ 12Noon - 2pm

Wed 15 May * No Speaker * just chit chat & other fun &/or informative, but mundane writing stuff

Wed 19 Jun * No Speaker * just chit chat & other fun &/or informative, but mundane writing stuff

Wed July * **No July Wednesday Meeting * Fair-Time!**

Wed 15 Aug * No Speaker * just chit chat & other fun &/or informative, but mundane writing stuff

Wed 18 Sep * No Speaker * just chit chat & other fun &/or informative, but mundane writing stuff

Wed 16 Oct * No Speaker * just chit chat & other fun &/or informative, but mundane writing stuff

Wed 20 Nov * No Speaker * just chit chat & other fun &/or informative, but mundane writing stuff

Wed 18 Dec * No Speaker * just chit chat & other fun &/or informative, but mundane writing stuff

NCPA's 3rd Annual Holiday Luncheon * Sun 1 Dec 2019 * Black Angus

Sun 1 Dec 2019 ~ 3rd Annual NCPA Holiday Lunch 12Noon -?? * at Black Angus again

3rd Annual NCPA Holiday Lunch 12Noon -?? ~ back at Black Angus again ~

Everything's the same as the previous 2 years: order what you want; purchase off the menu that day. No group bill for one of us to try to figure out what everyone owes:

You're given your own bill and you pay Black Angus as you normally would when going out to lunch.

SO MUCH EASIER than other organization luncheons

April 2019

President's Message

After the successful banquet last Sunday, I wanted to thank everyone who dedicated so much time and effort into making it a success.

To Sharon Darrow for the countless hours she spent organizing the books, getting the judges, supervising the distribution of titles, overseeing the judges' luncheon, helping me proof the program, ordering the plaques, going to the printer, and what I'm sure most people don't know, reading every single entry, it wouldn't happen without you.

To Norma Thornton for arranging the venue, getting the amazing speakers and emcee, tracking down all of the donations, getting the cake, decorating the venue, communicating with the entire NCPA, and helping me proof the program, I am in awe of all you do for this organization.

To Chrissy Villa for hand making the absolutely amazing birdhouses and designing the posters, I appreciate the talent and effort you shared with us.

To Amy Rogers for keeping the money straight and for efficiently running both the bookstore and taking the money for the silent auction -- so much of what you do is behind the scenes, but it keeps the wheels of this organization greased.

To our wonderful emcee, Ashley Williams, who took time out of her busy schedule to guide us through the night with her affable charm, we are honored that you celebrated with us.

To our amazing Keynote Speaker Dierdre Wolownick and our Special Guest Speaker Mary Euretig, I can't tell you how many people came up to me afterwards and said you were some of the best speakers we've ever had. Thank you for sharing your time, your insights and your stories.

To our poet laureate, Frances Kakugawa, who shared her stunning poetry with us. I've never had the pleasure of hearing your poetry before, but I was so moved and honored to hear the joyful expression of language from your talented hands and genuine heart. It was such a treasure to experience it with you.

To our judges, Barry Schoenborn, Barbara Grace Lake, Jennifer Grainger, Frances Fuller, Sandra K. Williams, Tammy Brandon, I personally know how many hours you dedicated to this contest, how honest and genuine were your evaluations, and how heartsore you were to not be able to give every author an award. I watched you make your professional and nuanced evaluations of every single book and I know how hard it was to pick between all of the wonderful entries.

And finally, to the authors and poets who entered the contest, you have my undying admiration. What you've done is exceptional and even if you weren't presented with an award the other night, as Sharon said, you are winners. You have done something that I have never been able to do. You have taken your creation and sent it out into the world to be evaluated by strangers. That takes unbounded courage. Bravo!

It has been an honor to serve as president this past year. I have learned so much, met so many people, and have come to realize that the Sacramento Valley is alive with such talent and artistry. I thank all of you for welcoming me and making me feel at home.

Thank you for a successful 25th Annual Awards Banquet and I look forward to seeing all of you at our 26th Awards Banquet April 28, 2020. Get those entries ready!

Michelle Hamilton,
President NCPA

Editor's note: Kudos also, to our President, Michelle Hamilton, w/a ML Hamilton ~ her first term as NCPA President and she did an amazing job designing and formatting the program, plus for all of the many hours she's put in on the Animal Anthology, "Birds of a Feather" ~ and already taking on the great chore of a second Anthology for this year, "More Birds of a Feather" among other things, including being a full-time teacher, working with Naida setting up the State Fair Authors Booth, AND writing more books!

NCPA Board for 2019-2020

The one thing we forgot to do at the banquet was announce the board for the coming year, so I'm going to take this opportunity to do so

- President, Michelle Hamilton
- Vice President, Sharon Darrow
- Secretary, Charlene Johnson
- Treasurer, Amy Rogers
- Communications Director, Norma Jean Thornton
- Webmaster and Photographer, Christine "Chrissi" Villa
- Events Planner, Andrea Roth

Michelle Hamilton, President NCPA

2019 Book Awards Banquet Financial report

Attached is my report of the finances of our 2019 Book Awards Banquet. Summary:

- We (Norma, that is!) raised \$650 for Mustard Seed School
- Both our income and expenses were fairly high but pretty close. We had a net loss on all book awards-related spending of \$203, less than 5% of our total costs

Given our small net loss and the positive energy of the event, I'd say the banquet was a huge success. Congratulations, everybody!

Income

Entry fees	\$2564.60
Ticket purchases	\$865.89

Other (@event)	\$854.40	(includes auction, raffle, birdhouses, book sales)
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Income for event: **\$4284.89**

Expenses

Postage/office	\$298.77
Judge lunch, stickers	\$143.21
Name tags	\$6.49
Programs	\$593.06
Trophies	\$842.93
Banquet	\$1874.85
Bookstore	\$78.85
Mustard Seed donation	\$650.00

Expenses for event: **\$4488.16**

Net loss on the event: **\$203.27**

Funds for charity (Mustard Seed School):

\$70	Raffle
\$588	Silent auction
-\$8	credit card fees

Total: \$650 for Mustard Seed

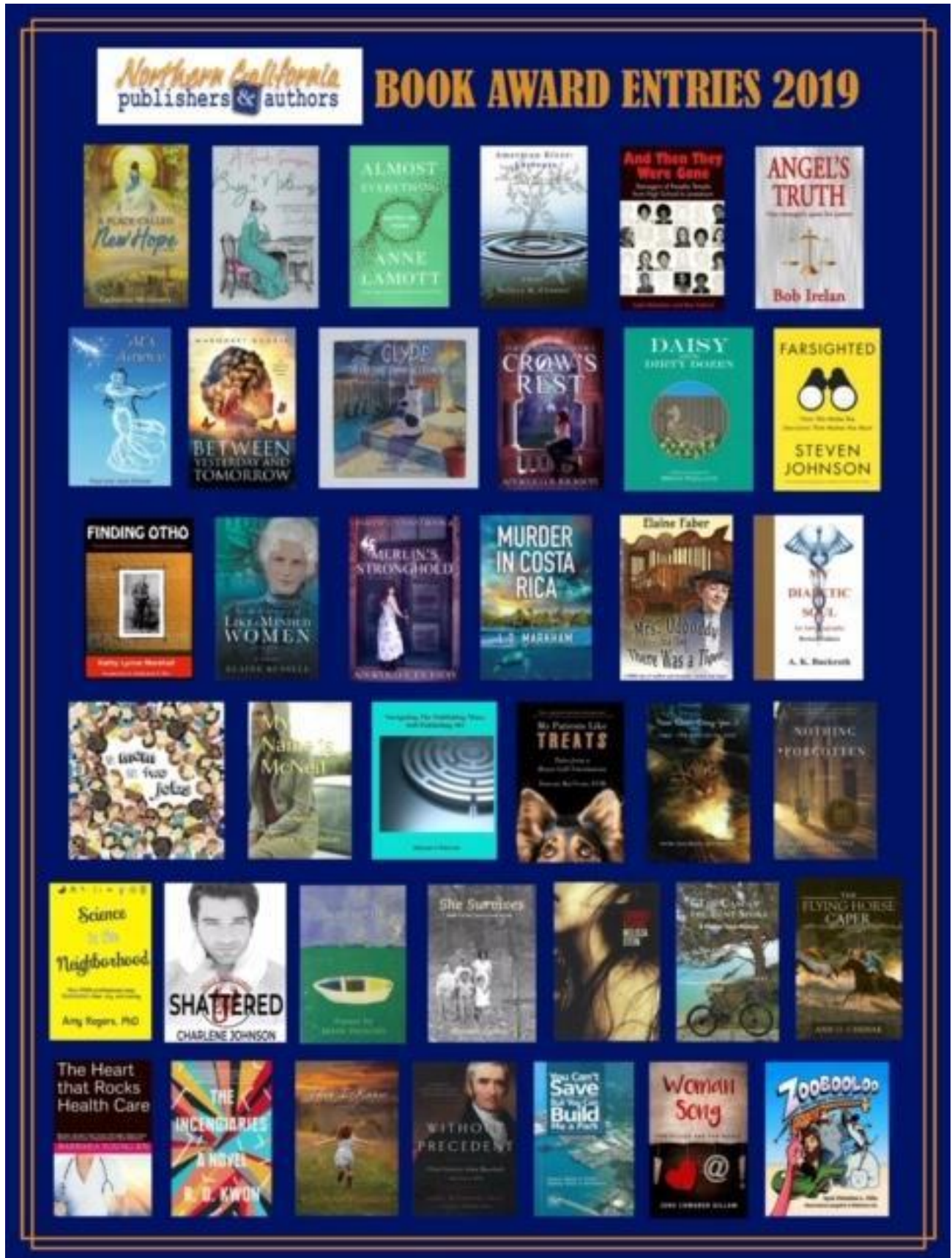
Amy Rogers, NCPA Treasurer

Editor's Note: We need sponsors next year & advertising in the program to help cover costs



25th ANNIVERSARY NCPA BOOK AWARD WINNERS 2019

Children's Books	: <u>1st Place</u>	Zoobooloo: With Filipino Translation	Christine L. Villa
Children's Books:	<u>2nd Place</u>	Daisy and the Dirty Dozen	Brian Wallace
YA:	<u>Honorable Mention</u>	Crow's Rest, Faerie Crossed Book 1	Angelica R. Jackson
YA:	<u>Honorable Mention</u>	Merlin's Stronghold: Faerie Crossed Book 2	Angelica R. Jackson
YA:	<u>Honorable Mention</u>	The Case of the Bent Spoke	Patricia E. Canterbury
General Non-Fiction	<u>1st Place</u>	And Then They Were Gone: Teenagers of Peoples Temple from High School to Jonestown	Judy Bebelaar & Ron Cabral
General Non-Fiction:	<u>2nd Place</u>	Finding Otho: The Search for Our Enslaved Williams Ancestors	Kathy Lynne Marshall
General Non-Fiction:	<u>3rd Place</u>	Science in the Neighborhood	Amy Rogers
Trade Publication - Non-Fiction	<u>1st Place</u>	Without Precedent	Joel Richard Paul
Trade Publication - Non-Fiction	<u>2nd Place</u>	Farsighted	Steven Johnson
Trade Publication - Non-Fiction	<u>3rd Place</u>	Almost Everything	Anne Lamott
Trade Publication - Fiction	<u>1st Place</u>	This I Know	Eldonna Edwards
Trade Publication - Fiction	<u>1st Place</u>	Nothing Forgotten	Jessica Levine
Trade Publication - Fiction	<u>3rd Place</u>	The Incendiaries	R.O. Kwon
Trade Publication - Poetry	<u>3rd Place</u>	Terrible Blooms	Melissa Stein
Poetry	<u>1st Place</u>	Seaworthy	Marie Reynolds
Poetry	<u>2nd Place</u>	Woman Song For Better and For Worse	June Comarsh Gillam
Fiction	<u>1st Place</u>	She Survives	Sharon S Darrow
Fiction	<u>2nd Place</u>	Angel's Truth - One Teenagers Quest for Justice	Bob Irelan
Fiction	<u>2nd Place</u>	Mrs. Odboddy and Then There Was a Tiger	Elaine Faber
Fiction	<u>Honorable Mention</u>	Between Yesterday and Tomorrow	Margaret Duarte
Foreign Publication	<u>2nd Place</u>	You Can't Save 80 Million Filipinos! But You Can Build Me a Park	Roberto E Aboitiz & Matthias Mendezona
Cover & Design	<u>1st Place</u>	Between Yesterday and Tomorrow	Margaret Duarte
Cover & Design	<u>2nd Place</u>	Zoobooloo	Christine L. Villa
Cover & Design	<u>3rd Place</u>	This I Know	Eldonna Edwards
Cover & Design	<u>Honorable Mention</u>	Murder in Costa Rica	L.D. Markham
Judge's Choice	<u>Judge's Choice</u>	Without Precedent	Joel Richard Paul



Money from this year's Silent Auction & the 50/50 Card Split at the Book Awards Banquet benefits the Mustard Seed School

Silent Auction DONORS 2019

* Cherry Island Golf Course * Jennifer T. Grainger * Grand Oaks Inn B&B * Frances Kakugawa * NCPA * Placer Pops Chorale * Roaring Camp Mining Company * Amy Rogers: Science Thrillers Media * Sharif Jewelers * Sam Shane ~ Antelope Walmart Bakery ~ **THANK YOU ALL**

The following is partial information from their website through Loaves & Fishes: sacloaves.org

Established in 1989 to help meet every type needs of homeless children, Mustard Seed is a free, private school for children 3-15 years old, which provides a safe, nurturing and positive structured learning environment, for both children and their parents, and assistance in entering or re-entering public schools.

Many school age children do not attend school because of their homelessness; some lack immunizations, birth certificates, or other documents, some are in transit, and almost all lack a support system. In spite of their situations these children are eager to learn and to be accepted.

From fifteen to thirty-five children may attend our school each day, and an average stay is just three to four weeks. Some children have been out of school for a long time and need help to go back. A major goal of the Program is to prepare and enroll homeless children into public schools, and preschool for younger children, when families have found housing stability.

Since the school began, over 4500 individual children have participated in Mustard Seed.

Donations can be taken to **Mustard Seed School ~ 1321 North C Street** in downtown Sacramento.
For more information call **916-447-3626** or email us at mustardseed@SacLoaves.org

Mustard Seed Back to School's Wish List

Quality Sturdy Backpacks * New socks – all sizes * New underwear – all sizes * Pens * Pencils * Crayons * Markers * Colored pencils * Watercolor paints * Washable tempera paints * Construction paper * Spiral notebooks * Composition notebooks * Lined filler paper * New one-inch binders * Dry erase markers and

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Check out the **2019 Banquet pictures** on NCPA's NEWLY UPDATED WEBSITE HOMEPAGE at norcalpa.org

Dierdre sent this from her trip to the 2019 Academy Awards where the Documentary Film, about her son Alex Honnold, *Free Solo*, won an Oscar!
New blog — all about the Oscars!
<https://dierdrew.us/2019/03/30/oscar/>

2019

Deborah Meltvedt

Angelica R. Jackson

Duncan MacVean, DVM

Sharon S. Darrow

Nancy J. Miller

Kimberley A. Edwards

Charlene Johnson

Norma Jean Thornton

Laura Garfinkel

M.L. Hamilton

Kathy Lynne Marshall

Roberta L. Davis

Matthias Mendezona

Denise Lee Branco

Ellen Osborn

Rachel Chu

Steve Pastis

Julie Beyers

Everett Anson

A.K. Buckroth

Elaine Faber

Dev Berger

Bob Irelan

Judith Vaughan

Jan Haag

Dorothy Rice

Danna Wilberg

Patricia E. Canterbury

Christine L. Villa

Jammy Andrews

Lynda Markham

Amy Rogers

Barbara Young

Elva Anson

Carolyn Radmanovich



BIRDS OF A FEATHER

An NCPA Anthology

A Collection of Short Stories about Animals



ANTHOLOGY Final 35 Entries

Tammy Andrews	The Frenchman & His Wolf
Elva Anson	Serendipity Experiences
Everett Anson	A Very Special Duck
Dev Berger	Cat Man
Julie Beyers	From 1 to 10: As Quick as a Bunny
Denise Lee Branco	My Name Is John Paul
Andrea Roth	Sunday Sunday
Patricia E. Canterbury	Coyote Pockets
Rachel Chu	A Gift for Grandma
Sharon S. Darrow	Lizard Love, A Public Service Warning
Roberta L. Davis	Catopian Dreams
Kimberley A. Edwards	Clarity on a Sunday Afternoon
Elaine Faber	Mouse Droppings
Laura Garfinkel	Wild Regret
Jan Haag	Sacramento City Kitty Committee
Michelle Hamilton	Regarding Cricket
Bob Ireland	Jocko...A Cat for All Seasons
Angela Jackson	Wild Things Belong in the Wild
Charlene Johns	The Red Fox and the Great Horned Owl
Lynda Markham	Saving Coy
Duncan MacVean, DMV	Pigaro, Pigaro, Pigaro
Kathy Lynne Marshall	Wolf Song
Deborah Meltvedt	Letters to My First Loves, If Horses Could Read
Matthias Mendezona	Iguana
Nancy J. Miller	A Dog with a Blog
Ellen Osborn	The Cat Is Always Right
Steve Pastis	Balthazar the Mallard & Other Stories
Carolyn Radmanovich	Tex's Dream
Dorothy Rice	Gregory
Amy Rogers	Jungle Expedition
Norma Jean Thornton	So Close and Yet So Far
Judith Vaughan	Oh, That Strawberry Roan
Christine L. Villa	The Memory Tree
Danna Wilberg	A Little Sugar and Some TLC
Barbara Young	In the Middle



BIRDS OF A FEATHER

An NCPA Anthology

A Collection of Short Stories about Animals

Michelle Hamilton

President NCPA

Authors start your stories now for the 2nd Anthology "**MORE Birds of a Feather**"

Just because the deadline is closed on "*Birds of a Feather*" doesn't mean we're through ~ We're starting our 2nd one, with December the hopeful publishing date, just in time for the holidays

We've learned a lot working on this one, our very first baby, so we'll have lots of changes on the 2nd one ~ just like with real babies ~ Loosen up regs (like word count), stricter on others (only ONE address to send to, Word doc, not PDF, and more in this one), plus flexible on others, like MAYBE, not just animals. Let's TALK!

Proofreading of all 35 entries is complete, editing is almost finished, and all authors should be notified soon, if you haven't been already ~ Not a single story made it through without at least a few comments/ corrections needed (typos * comma misplacement * paragraphs * missing or misspelled word/s * incomplete sentences * incorrect words * sloppy errors on some, story should have been proofread prior to being sent * incorrect punctuation * abrupt endings <some because of maximum word count restriction> * excess fodder <some due to minimum word count restriction> * LOTS of POV problems <points of view> * tense problems * not enough emotion in a few * There's more, but that's the general idea of what we ran across during the initial proof-read.

April 2019

Work in progress on the anticipated cover for NCPA's upcoming Anthology
COMING SOON



MORE BIRDS OF A FEATHER

Another NCPA Anthology

A Collection of More Short Stories about Animals ... and ???

If you missed the first one, then get busy on your stories NOW for this one ~ only open to NCPA members. If you would like to submit a story to this Anthology, you're welcome to join NCPA if you aren't already a member.

Membership is \$40/year. No other charge to enter a story. No entry deadline as of yet, but anticipated publish date is in time for Christmas.

More information AFTER the Book Awards Banquet. Questions? Come to the **Meeting 6:30pm Thu 9 May 2019 at Denny's * 3520 Auburn Blvd * Sacto (@ Watt & I-80)**

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IMPORTANT INFO ON THIS ANTHOLOGY AND THE NEXT ONE

This is our first experience with an Anthology, and we've found at least six (6) things that need to be addressed with the next one ... none are fatal, tragic nor devastating, just a little time-consuming and a bit confusing, but we're learning, and have done amazingly well so far! Look for new regs soon after "*Birds of a Feather*" has published, if not sooner.

A few major things we quickly learned: * **All stories MUST be sent in word doc, NOT PDF** * **All stories MUST be sent to ONE (1) Email address (not to THREE (3) different ones, nor to the PO Box)** * **the minimum and maximum word counts need to be changed** *

"*More Birds of a Feather*" will be hot on the tails of this one, (pun intended), giving everyone ample time to get that second story ready to go ... forget the 1,000 minimum, and it's ok to go a little over the 2,500-word maximum, but don't go crazy until we give the numbers. You have WAY more than the 6 weeks we gave you on this one, to get your next one finished ... but that last 6 weeks I'll start in again with the Email, if we're not meeting expectations.

Unsure right now if the theme will be strictly animals, but based on the title; most likely it will. * Spacing * Font * Font size * will be the same as this one, so get started now ~ don't forget to PROOFREAD (out loud) your own work prior to sending ... and if you don't already belong to a critique group, it's a good idea to find one.

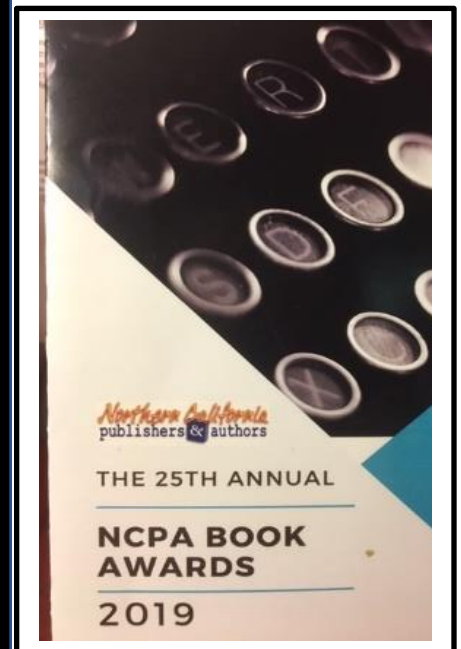
We'll be more lenient on some things this next time, but tighter on others

Much of the problems could have been resolved prior to submitting, had the authors done their own proof-read ... and a suggestion: read your piece aloud. That helps tremendously in catching errors.

While you're waiting, get started on your next story, for "*More Birds of a Feather*" hopefully published by Dec 2019.

If you weren't at the Awards Banquet, you missed a fun time ... among things, the classy program that NCPA President Michelle Hamilton designed (to the right) ~ This is the front ... the cover of the Animal Anthology, *Birds of a Feather* (pages 7 & 8), is on the back.

We received totally positive reviews on not only the program, but everything pertaining to the Banquet. NCPA had a great turnout of members, non-members, past members, honorees, and more (around 80), a new chef, with excellent food once more ... Emcee Ashley Williams from GDS CW31/ CBS13 TV was a breath of fresh air, Frances Kakugawa, NCPA's Poet Laureate again received rave reviews for her poetry ... Keynote Dierdre Wolownick was inspiring ... Special Speaker and proud "NCPA Mama" Mary Euretig was a fun speaker, and fabulous in relating the birth of NCPA (as SPA) 28 years ago, and had a great time talking to her "brood" ~ 8 of our 16 Past Presidents were there, as was the first organizer of the Book Awards & Banquet 25 years ago, plus the 1st Chief Judge of the Book Awards (for 10 years!) ~ more about those 10, plus their names on the next 2 pages.



QUICK RUNDOWN ON ALL 16 SPA, SP&A and NCPA PAST PRESIDENTS

So those Past Presidents who couldn't make it can read what was said about all of them, this is the little speech I gave, with remarks about each, during the Banquet.

I'd like to introduce and acknowledge all of our past presidents of the first named Sacramento Publishers Association (also known as SPA), which later changed to Sacramento Publishers & Authors (or, SP&A), and eventually to our namesake, Northern California Publishers & Authors, mostly known to all of us here tonight, as NCPA.

When I get to your name, would each of you please stand for just a moment.

Who better to tell about the beginning, than our Special Guest Speaker this evening, the very first President and Founder, **MARY EURETIG, who served during the 1992-1993 term, during SPA?** Our Emcee, Ashley Williams, will give more on Mary in a few minutes, when it's her turn to speak.

We're fortunate to also have the 2nd President from her **SPA term in 1994-95 in attendance, as our Keynote Speaker ~ and as she was known then, DIERDRE WOLOWNICK HONNOLD** ... Ashley will also provide more information on Dierdre when my introductions are finished.

The only Past Prez I had no contact for, and couldn't find, **served 3 times as President of SPA, during the 95-96, 96-97- & 97-98-year terms, BOBBIE CHRISTENSEN**

Next came **CHARLES A. "CHUCK" BELLISSINO for the 98-99 term.** Unfortunately, Chuck is deceased.

DANETTE MULRINE served 2 terms during SPA, in 1999-2000 & 2000-2001. Danette is traveling in their RV, but sends her regrets for not being here, her congratulations for the evening, and to everyone involved in the past 28 years of SPA, SP&A, and NCPA.

2001-2002 & 2002-2003 found BOB DREIZLER as President of the Sacramento Publishers & Authors (or SP&A) during the name change from SPA

2003-2004 SP&A President, JANICE MARSCHNER. couldn't make it this evening, but sends her best wishes.

In 2004-2005 T.E. "TOM" WATSON was elected the 1st President of the newly-named NCPA. Tom was very much planning on attending this evening, even though his home was one of those completely destroyed during the Camp Fire in Magalia. He's been living in Las Vegas with family until their new home in Utah is completed. Unfortunately for us, but fortunately for him, I got an Email from him Wed, that work on the home in UT has begun and they had no choice but to go there to get started with the paperwork and permits. He sends his apologies and regrets, as he was looking very much forward to being here, especially since he was "our" first NCPA President.

2005-2006 President NCPA: SANDRA K WILLIAMS Sandra continues to support NCPA by attending most of our Award Banquets, and has been a judge in our book competition

Now, this one's a mouthful ... during **2006-2007 & 2007-2008 BARRY SCHOENBORN was President of NCPA ... there's more, but in a minute. First,**

During the 2008-2009 NCPA term, MICHELE AVANTI held the title of President, but moved to Redding soon after being elected. Meetings were run mostly by the VP Mark Rafter (darn! I didn't think to contact him, until I was typing this up last night), but Michele continued to maintain her Presidential duties by phone and Email. She now lives out of state, and was excited about attending, but couldn't make it. She sends her love and well wishes to all.

(The conference & Book Awards Banquet during Michele Avanti's term was when I joined.)

Now, here's that minute ... during the **2009-2010 NCPA term, his 3rd, BARRY SCHOENBORN pops in once more as President;** but again, more on him later ...

2010-2011 ELVA ANSON took the helm as president of NCPA, and began featuring the Member of the Month segment, changed the seating arrangements, and focused on getting members to know each other better, with an increase in member attendance during meetings. Elva and her husband Everett continue to attend both our lunchtime and evening meetings, plus the Banquets and Holiday Luncheon, but Everett was injured during a fall on 28 March, and was unsure if he'd make it here this evening. We send our love and best wishes to him, and Elva ~ *HE MADE IT TONIGHT!*

And, here we are again ... a glutton for punishment, but we're lucky he was so dedicated, in 2011-2012 BARRY SCHOENBORN, for the final time, once more became President of NCPA (Barry's the winner with 4 terms!) President during the final 3 years of the Annual NCPA Conference, Barry continues to hold workshops for NCPA, plus serving as judge in the book competition

For two terms, 2012-2013 & 2013-2014 TED WITT was President of NCPA, and gave excellent Publishing Tips & An Anthology during each of his 2 years as Pres. Unfortunately, Ted isn't here this evening.

The next term, 2014-2015, DENNIS POTTER had to be drug into the presidency, kicking and screaming, but finally agreed, only with the promise that we'd give him plenty of help. Which we did, and he wound up being a fine president! We had a great turnout for our Book Awards, and Awards Banquet, and it appears that we broke records for both entries and in attendance that year, plus brought in our second \$1,000 for a Scholarship from the Silent Auction. We can all thank Dennis for saving NCPA from folding. Without him, none of us would be here this evening. Dennis Kept NCPA alive until Sharon could willingly take over. He now lives and works in Japan, so couldn't make it, but sends best wishes. (That's a long way to go to keep from being talked into serving a 2nd term!)

For the next 3 terms, 2015-16, 16-17 & 17-18 SHARON DARROW ran herd on NCPA, making too many changes to relate here But the main one was taking on the Book Awards challenge, and making it hers. Now in her 5th year, 2015 to present, she expanded it to accepting non-members, which has also given us Trade books, Foreign Publishers ... and EBooks this year, with a record 38 book entries. We also introduced our NCPA Flyer & Pencils for marketing (both are on your tables ~ You're welcome to take them home)

Finally, ending her first year as President, but voted in for a 2nd year, our most recent past president 2018-2019 MICHELLE HAMILTON, brought back an Anthology, with "*Birds of a Feather*" which is targeted to be published in time for the Fair in July. The cover is on the back of your program (which Michelle designed and formatted), plus on the poster that was supposed to be here, but the laminator was down so it didn't get completely finished. Members, start writing your story for our 2nd Anthology, "*More Birds of a Feather*" with a hoped-for published date prior to Christmas.

We have two more special guests from the SPA and SP&A eras, Terry Prince (1st Chief Judge of Book Awards ~ for 10 years!), and Andrea Patterson, (Organizer of 1st Book Awards & Banquet for 5-10 years) who will be introduced later in the program.

We wish we could have all of the past presidents, and others, say a few words, but there's not enough time, so you'll just have to chat with them during the meal, and/or after the banquet ... and now, back to Ashley.

BTW: Check out our cake! The ANTELOPE WALMART BAKERY once more donated one, for the 4th year in a row! And how about those birdhouse table decorations made from books? Chrissi made those, and they're all for sale!

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to NCPA member ELAINE RUSSELL

NCPA member Elaine Russell 's book *In the Company of Like-Minded Women* was one of the finalists in the IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards for historical fiction. Elaine was in attendance at the 5 April dinner in Chicago, along with our scholarship winner, Chrissi Villa.

In addition, *In the Company of Like-Minded Women* won a gold award from IPPY Independent Publishers Book Awards for fiction set in the western mountain region

Upcoming Authors Showcase ~ Meet the Authors

ALL MEMBERS INVITED TO JOIN US, WITH YOUR BOOKS, AT THE FOLLOWING

Just let Andrea know so she can have a correct head-count

Andrea K. Roth 916-396-3414 www.mydiabeticsoul.com

Dates at Libraries & Other Event-Venues

As usual, Andrea's been busy searching venues and libraries for NCPA as a group or for individual Authors to set up their booths, and Library Events for NCPA as an Authors Showcase, If you know of any others, venues OR libraries, please let Andrea know **Andrea K. Roth 916-396-3414 www.mydiabeticsoul.com**

- Saturday 20 April 2019 ~ Earth Day in Auburn *

<http://www.stylergbr.com/events/159730/auburn-event-earth-day-2019-celebration-of-the-monarchs>

- Saturday 27 April 2019 ~ 2019 Local Authors Expo FOLSOM LIBRARY *

https://www.folsom.ca.us/city_hall/depts/library/events/adult/local_author_expo_2019.asp

- Saturday, May 26, 2019 in the Carmichael Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento
- Aug 2019 Carmichael Founder's Day Celebration (pending)
- Saturday 21 September 2019 Rio Linda/Elverta Country Faire
- Sun 8 December 2019 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church Craft Fair
- Sat 14 December 2019 "Christmas at the Castle" Preston Castle Holiday Bazaar (pending)

Andrea

You're INVITED ~ Placerville Shakespeare Club Author's Day

- **Sun 28 Apr 12N ~ program begins 1pm**
- **Placerville Shakespeare Club Author's Day**
- 2940 Bedford Av, Placerville
- \$10 Tickets available at the door, or call Bonnie 530-626-5451

NCPA Authors **Duncan MacVean, DVM, *Non-Fiction/ Animals***, and **Amy Rogers, *Science Thriller***, will join **Wendy Stevens, *Poetry*** and **Darby Patterson, *Mystery***, in signing and selling their books as well as presenting.

Door prizes, drawings and light refreshments will be served

A huge thank you to NCPA member Ellen Osborn for providing this information.

***Bouchercon2020.org Registration now open**

World Mystery Convention Bouchercon is coming to Sacto!
***15-18 October 2020**, NCPA's own Rae James is Chair of
Bouchercon 2020 at the Sacramento Convention Center

Sat 4 May 2019 8:15am-4:30pm

***SCBWI Spring Spirit Conference**

\$160 member/ \$210 non-member AFTER 1 March

Citrus Heights Community Center

canorthcentral.scbwi.org

- 21 September 2019 Rio Linda/Elverta Country Faire
- 12 October 2019 Great Valley Bookfest ~ Bass Pro Center Parking lot Manteca

FREE MEETING

Cap Crimes meeting Sat 20 Apr 1pm
Rancho Cordova Library 9845 Folsom Blvd

SIT, LISTEN, WRITE! 2 Sessions*

Sat 27 Apr 2019 10am-3pm

916 Ink ~ 3301-37th Av, Sacto

***\$35 each session**

CWC meeting Sat 20 Apr 11am-1pm

Cattleman's 12409 Folsom Blvd R.C\
.\$15 member \$25 Non-member, lunch incl

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- 1st Friday each month at Coco's on Sunrise
 - 3rd Sat each month at Cattleman's

**25th NCPA
BOOK AWARDS
BANQUET
5pm-9pm
Sun 14 April 2019**

***Sacramento Suburban Writers Club (SSWC) 2nd Mon ea/mo**
7pm-9pm ~ 2nd Mon each month 2019 sactowriters.org
Crossroads Fellowship Christian Church. 5501 Dewev Dr. Fair Oaks.

HAVE YOUR WRITING ORGANIZATION INFO HERE ` Let us know of any event = including authors having book launches &/or signings (like Linda Joy Singleton - & Lori - 16 Mar with their new kids books ~ LJ, why didn't you tell us?)

Genealogy Presentations at Central Library 2019

Please note: New time is 10:00 am – 11:30 am

- May 5: West Coast Immigration in the 20th Century -- Linda Harms Okazaki
- June 2: Researching Revolutionary War Ancestry – Melinda Kashuba, PhD
- July 14: (Topic to be Announced) – Gena Philibert-Ortega
- August 11: Southern States Research -- Kathryn Marshall, PhD
- Sept 8: Picture This: Cataloging Digital Family Photographs -- Nancy Loe
- October 6: What GEDmatch Can Do for the Genealogist's DNA Research – James Baker, PhD
- November 3: Jewish Genealogy: How Is This Research Different from Other Research? – Janice Sellers
- December 1: (Topic to be Announced) -- Deborah Sweeney

All lectures are on Sundays, 10:00 – 11:30 am, in the West Meeting Room on the 1st floor. Please note the new time! Since these programs are being held before the library is open, please enter the building through the Old Foyer (the door east of the main entrance on I Street). This entrance has steps, so contact bdaugherty@saclibrary.org if you need a more accessible entrance.

There is no registration. For information, please contact Beth Daugherty, Librarian, at bdaugherty@saclibrary.org

Sacramento Central Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814,
Phone: 916-264-2920. Website: <http://www.saclibrary.org>

MAKING CONNECTIONS CORNER with our Local Sister Writing Organizations

California Writers Club (CWC) (Sacramento Branch)

- Monthly Luncheon Meetings generally **3rd Saturday** of each month ~ 11am – 1pm
\$15 members, \$25 non-members, includes lunch **Rancho Cordova Cattlemen's**
- Writers Network 9-11am 1st Fri monthly **Coco's** 7887 Madison Av @ Sunrise, Citrus Heights
Open to public, pay for your own breakfast (**NEW LOCATION**)
 - For information & prices on joining, go to: **cwcsacramentowriters.org**

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Capitol Crimes (Cap Crimes) (Sacramento Chapter of Sisters in Crime)

If you write anything crime-related, or want to, then check out Cap Crimes.

- **FREE** monthly meetings, generally the **3rd Saturday** of each month, generally with guest speakers, generally crime-related. They normally meet at **1pm** at the **Rancho Cordova Library 9845 Folsom Blvd in Rancho Cordova**
 - No-Host lunch 11:30am prior to meetings usually at Perko's 9647 Micron Av
Must be a member of Sisters in Crime (\$50) to join Cap Crimes (\$20) **Capitolcrimes.org**

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Gold Country Writers (GCW)

- **3rd Wed Monthly Speaker Programs ~ 10am-12Noon: FREE & open to Public**
 - Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1279 High St, Auburn, CA 95603
"Writers Working Together to Promote and Improve their Work" <http://goldcountrywriters.com/>
Questions contact Margie Yee Webb mywebb@sbcglobal.net

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Sacramento Suburban Writers (SSW)

- **Meets 2nd Mon of each month 7pm- 9pm**
Crossroads Fellowship Christian Church, 5501 Dewey Dr, Fair Oaks, CA
 - Meetings, generally with guest speakers, are FREE ~ (\$40 membership fee)
 - Like with NCPA, you don't have to be a member to attend **Sactowriters.org**

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Sacramento Valley Rose (SVR)

(Sacramento Chapter of Romance Writers of America {RWA})

If you write Romance, or want to, then check out SVR ~ they generally meet at 10am at the White Rock Community Clubhouse, 10488 White Rock Rd, Rancho Cordova

- **4th Saturday of each month** \$20 for members \$30 for non-members
- Contact: Deb at debjulienne@gmail.com for RSVP information & directions
 - Debbie Putnam, President: DebbiePutnam.SVR@gmail.com
 - **Suggest you go to their site for their rules & stipulations**

Must be a member of Romance Writers of America (\$99+) before joining SVR (\$30)

Sacramentovalleyrose.com

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Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators (SCBWI) (California North/Central)

If you're interested in writing ... or illustrating ... for kids of any age, this is the premiere INTERNATIONAL organization to belong to! **Your first year of SCBWI membership is \$95, with an ongoing annual renewal fee of \$80.** No monthly meetings, but there are occasional Schmoozes, Workshops, Intensive-Events, Special Events, and Critique Groups, as well as a great Holiday Party in December, and a discounted Spring Spirit Conference ... plus more ...

Go to their website for full information: <https://canorthcentral.scbwi.org/>*

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Evening meetings with guest speakers are the **2nd Thursday of each month**

6:30pm to 8:30pm Denny's 3520 Auburn Blvd

Daytime meetings with NO guest speakers are the **3rd Wednesday of each month**

12 Noon to 2pm Denny's 3520 Auburn Blvd **RSVP's REQUIRED**

Meetings are always FREE ~ Visitors are always welcome.

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Cover illustrations and other photos are welcome in jpeg or other standard format. Please keep file sizes reasonable. When in doubt, call or email editor in advance.

Submissions for each issue will be the 5th of each month, unless otherwise noted ~ and ~ **if you have something after the 5th call me (916-991-5751), then send it anyway** ~ I'm flexible, so we'll probably be able to work it in, since the monthly Pen & Press publishing date depends on time available for the editor to complete and send out; sometime after the monthly meeting, held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, and as late as the last day of each month.

The goal of the current editor is to publish one Pen & Press each month, with two in April every year in order to cover the Book Awards Banquet ... one prior to the event, and one after.

... *Norma Jean Thornton*, editor *The Pen & Press* 2016-2019